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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TETSUYOSHI ISHIWATA et al.) : Examiner: David Nikodem
Application No.: 09/730,559) : Group Art Unit: 1633
Filed: December 7, 2000) :
For: IgA NEPHROPATHY-RELATED)
GENES : December 3, 2002

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated November 4, 2002 (Paper No. 14) in the above-identified application, as follows.

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions of:

Inventions 1-37 (Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 10-13, 18 and 19), drawn to a DNA related to IgA nephropathy as set forth in SEQ ID NOs: 1-33, 41-44;

Inventions 38-75 (Claim 4), drawn to a method for detecting IgA nephropathy-related genes using the sequences set forth in claim 1 and those derived from those sequences as set forth in claim 3;

Inventions 76-113 (Claim 6), drawn to a method of inhibiting transcription of IgA nephropathy-related gene;